

Call for Papers
Refugee Return

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This issue of *Refuge*, Canada's periodical on refugees, will address the process of refugee return to their home countries. In a number of cases around the world, peace treaties and similar agreements following displacement-inducing conflicts have made this possible. Examples from the past decade are the return of Guatemalans from Mexico, of Mozambiquans from Malawi, of Chittagong hillpeople from India back to Bangladesh, and of Bosnians from other countries in Europe.

While refugee return seems to be the ideal solution to the refugee problem, it also opens up new problems. Are refugees forcibly returned or do they keep the choice to stay in the country of asylum? Is there a period of asylum residence after which return becomes difficult for reasons of identification and new roots? Do returning refugees get land back if they owned land before their flight? Do they get the same property back or do they get alternative land elsewhere? Do non-returning refugees get monetary compensation for their property? What happens to current occupants of property to which returning refugees are entitled? Are there discrepancies between legal entitlements and implementation? If there has been a change in the ethnic composition of a refugee-origin area, are refugees reluctant to return to such an area? What kind of governmental and international assistance is needed and is being made available? How are the relations between returning refugees, those who stayed and those who moved into vacated property and areas working out? Is a conflict-resolution process required? In what way can local-development strategies alleviate or accentuate such conflicts? Are there lessons for the international refugee-rights regime or for policies on refugee return?

Papers responding to questions such as these can be addressed either thematically or within particular case studies.

Contributions with abstracts and a short biographical note about the author are invited. They should be received no later than January 15, 2000. Papers should be typed, double-spaced, and referenced in the academic format. They should not exceed 16 pages or about 4000 words. Short papers of about 900 words are also welcome. Word-processed submissions may be sent on disc or by email.

On accepte aussi des articles en français. Le style doit conformer aux normes exigés pour les articles rédigés en anglais.

Deadline: January 15, 2000

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